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SUBJECT: GDR MEDIA TREATMENT OF ELECTION OF JOHN PAUL I

REF: A. BERLIN 5329, B. BERLIN 5146.

1. ALL GDR MEDIA HAVE GIVEN BRIEF, FACTUAL AND NON-
PROMINENT COVERAGE OF THE ELECTION OF THE NEW POPE.
MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE FIRST EAST GERMAN IN SPACE HAS
ECLIPSED ALL OTHER NEWS IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE PAST
TWO DAYS, LEAVING LITTLE ROOM FOR OTHER NEWS AND
THEREFORE LACK OF FULLER TREATMENT IS NOT SURPRISING.
NEUE ZEIT, ORGAN OF THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
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UNION, DID ALLOCATE SPACE ON ITS AUGUST 28 FRONT PAGE
TO THE FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE NEW POPE.
NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, CITING NEWS SERVICES, REPORTS THAT,
IN HIS SPEECH ON AUGUST 27TH, THE NEW POPE EXPRESSED
SUPPORT FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF FREEDOM AND COOPERATION
AMONG PEOPLES.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GDR REACTION IS STILL VERY
PRELIMINARY, THE GDR MEDIA ARE DEALING WITH THE PAPAL
ELECTIONS AND WITH THE NEW POPE IN A POSITIVE MANNER.
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